पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं। (ख) से (ङ.) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

All India Estimates of Retail Sales of Drugs

4584. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3283 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is subscribing to ORG;

(b) if so, what was the all India estimates of retail sales of Isoxuprine, Fluclonolone Acetonide, Polymixin-B Sulphate, Glipizide, Phenformin HCl and Chloropropamide based on records maintained by the 650 chemists;

(c) what are the reasons for not providing the prices of leader brand of each drug before the announcement of DPCO, 1987, their present prices sand the percentage change in each case;

(d) what are the grounds on which his Ministry found it difficult to provide prices of seven formulations terming it as voluminous;

(e) whether his Ministry is monitoring the price increases ;

(f) if so, what are the reasons for which Parliament is not being informed about price increase which is of public importance; and

(g) what are the basis on which each of these drugs have been price decontrolled?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The Ministry is subscribing to a number of publications including ORG.

(b) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(c) and (d) The referred drugs are in generic name and being marketed by a number of companies as single ingredient, in combinations, in different forms and packs.

(e) and (f) Monitoring of prices of decontrolled drugs is being done and Parliament is being provided with the information asked for specifically through replies to questions wherever the same is avilable.

(g) The referred bulk drugs have been price decontrolled, as recommended by Kelkar Committee.

Prices of Dexona Tablets and Dexamethasone Eye Drop

4585. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved price of Dexona Tablets and Dexamethasone eye preparations of the same company and when were these prices approved;

(b) whether it is a fact that these preparations are beng sold without price approval;